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SUBJECT: TAIWANESE ALIEN SMUGGLER ARRESTED IN HONDURAS AS HE
TRIED TO SMUGGLE THREE PRCs IN A FLIGHT BOUND FOR THE U.S.

Ref: 03 Tegucigalpa 02878 (NOTAL)

1. LIN WEI-CHUNG (alias LIN WAYNE, WAYNE LIN, COC: TAIWAN, POB: TAIWAN, date of birth 09-08-1965, PASSPORT M20182450, NIV foil 52681302), is the second Taiwan citizen arrested in Honduras during 2003 on charges of alien smuggling. LIN tried to smuggle three impostor PRCs with bona fide Taiwanese passports that contained bona fide LINCOLN NIVs. LIN successfully smuggled two PRCs in the same circumstances in a previous trip.

2. The first Taiwanese arrested on these same charges was CHEN Ke Jung, arrested in San Pedro Sula on October 12, 2003 for trying to smuggle two PRCs with forged Belizean passports. (Tegucigalpa 02878). CHEN violated probation status and is currently a fugitive of Honduran authorities.

3. Just like CHEN, LIN picked up the alien PRCs in Guayaquil, Ecuador. The nationality of the smugglers and the route of travel point to a single alien smuggling organization probably based in Los Angeles, California with connections in Quito, Guayaquil (Ecuador), Honduras, Belize, Guatemala and Taiwan.

4. Unfortunately, LIN successfully smuggled two PRCs during his first trip to Honduras in early December 2003. LIN arrived in Honduras on December 10, 2003 accompanied by HOU Jui Fong (alias: YU WU HSIUNG, Taiwanese passport M15062277, dob: 12-21-1976, NIV foil: 52681185), and LIU Su Chen (Taiwanese passport M16012569, dob: 06-21-1972, NIV foil: 41867147), all travelers carried Taiwanese passports. LIN's agenda indicates that he purchased a round trip ticket (TGU-SPS-TGU) for himself and a one-way ticket to San Pedro Sula for the PRCs. LIN makes a point in his agenda to "evaluate the situation at the airports in Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula".

5. In San Pedro Sula, LIN and the PRCs stayed at the GRAN HOTEL SULA for four nights. The PRCs left for the United States on December 15, 2003 on board American Airlines flight 942. The PRCs used the Taiwanese passports they used to enter Honduras. DHS/TGU ignores the PRCs' real names but received word from American Airlines in San Pedro Sula, that the two PRCs are asylum applicants in Miami.

6. LIN left Honduras for Guayaquil on December 16, 2003 and stayed at the GOLD CENTER HOTEL until his return to Honduras on December 18, 2003. In this second trip, LIN brought three PRCs posing as Taiwanese nationals. LIN and the last three PRCs were arrested in Tegucigalpa on December 21, 2003 as the PRCs attempted to board American Airlines flight 954 bound for Miami, Florida.

7. Biographic information on this last group follows: (1) PENG SEN-WANG, dob: 10-28-1971, pob: Kaohstung City, Taiwan, ID Number E120924382, passport 200491254, NIV foil 69406896; (2) CHUANG, CHIH-HUNG, dob: 12-11-1977, pob: Taiwan, ID number: T122622301, passport 210174446, NIV foil 69407308; and, (3) LEE TUSAN-MIN, dob: 07-02-1963, pob: Taiwan, ID number T120051260, passport 132888941, NIV foil 51152247.

8. On December 26, 2003 LIN and the three impostor Taiwanese were ordered preventive arrest by the criminal court of Tegucigalpa. LIN is held on charges of alien smuggling and document forgery and his companions are charged with use of false names and public document forgery. Noteworthy is the fact that the translator for this hearing was LILIANA HAN, common-law spouse of HU WENG RONG, one of the targets of Operation LATIN TRIAD. HU is in custody in San Pedro Sula on charges of alien smuggling and document forgery.

9. The stamps on LIN's passport indicate extended trips to Cairo, Egypt; Guayaquil, Ecuador; Kingston, Jamaica; Belize, Guatemala, and Costa Rica.

9. Post requests Taipei to review applications made by the referenced Taiwanese nationals.

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